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At 10 a.m. I went to CIA, and for an hour discoursed to, and answered questions on German affairs from, a group of its keen members. Repeated the performance at State to the GER staff.

Lunched at the French Embassy with the Alphands, Betty de Lesseps, John Pell, Helen Coolidge, and one of the Embassy staff. Herve's new wife, Nicole, ~~was~~ pretty and agreeable; Betty beautiful as ever.

Back to the Department to see Foster, who arrived this morning from Seattle. We plunged into the Berlin imbroglio. His elephantine memory was brought to bear on precedents, expedients, possible policies, plans, and the rest. There is something ~~un~~formidable about his ability to focus his thought completely on any subject, then to eliminate it from his attention, and transfer with utmost ease to another preoccupation. He asked me if I had any personal matters to bring up - I answered I had previously told him I would not talk about the length of my stay in Germany until I had been there for two years.

Dined tonight with Kay Halle. A mixed bag of agreeable guests, including Gloria Etting.

Saturday, November 15, 1958

To the Department for talk about the Berlin situation. We

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